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House Resolution 1693

By: Representative Rice of the 51st and Marin of the 96th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Norcross Blue Devils on a championship season and inviting the team and
- 2 their coaches to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the Norcross Blue Devils won their first championship in Class AAAAA state
- 4 boys basketball after a 66-49 win over Beach at the Arena at Gwinnett Center; and
- 5 WHEREAS, in winning the 5A state title, the basketball team delivered Norcross its first
- 6 state title since 1963 (baseball); and
- 7 WHEREAS, in the state tournament the Blue Devils averaged 73.6 points per game and
- 8 allowed only 52.8; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Kentucky signee Jodie Meeks was again sensational in the championship game
- with a game-high 32 points and junior forward Gani Lawal added 18 points and 12 rebounds
- as the Blue Devils joined the 1963 baseball team as the only two squads in school history to
- 12 finish the season ranked No. 1; and
- 13 WHEREAS, it was the culmination of a year-long quest for the Blue Devils, who fell one
- 14 game short in last year's state championship game, and they were determined it was not going
- 15 to happen again; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the 29-4 Blue Devils, playing that trademark defense taught by Coach Eddie
- 17 Martin, held Beach to six points in the first quarter, 16 in the first half and forced the
- 18 Bulldogs into missing 20 of their 26 shots before halftime; and
- 19 WHEREAS, this championship was won by a team of hard working players, not by any
- 20 individual superstars; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Norcross Blue Devils won the title on the court and they deserve to be

- 2 rewarded for all the hard work it takes to become a state champion.
- 3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 4 the members of this body commend the Norcross Blue Devils varsity boys basketball team
- 5 for its unparalleled achievements in winning the 2006 state championship title and extend
- 6 their sincerest best wishes for continued success in the future and invite the team and its
- 7 coaches to appear before the House of Representatives at a time and day to be determined
- 8 by the Speaker of the House.
- 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Norcross Blue Devils
- 11 varsity boys basketball team.